

State Missions Season of Prayer September 14-17

By Tim Nicholas

The goal for the 1986 Margaret Lackey Offering for State Missions is \$515,000.

Major beneficiaries of this year's offering which is taken through special gifts from Mississippi Baptist churches following a season of prayer, Sept. 14-17, are new missions, Camp Garaywa, and Central Hills Baptist Retreat.

A total of \$130,000 is tagged for new mission work in the state. This money helps purchase church sites through grants to local associations and mobile chapels for growing congregations.

The Garaywa and Central Hills allocations total \$137,000 and \$140,000 respectively. These two camps offer Christian growth experiences primarily to boys and girls in a retreat setting. This year's gifts will provide for some of the renovation and operating expenses.

Other areas which will receive a portion of the offering include:

- special ministries, such as for training leaders in National Baptist churches and WMU leaders in the Choctaw Indian Association, \$4,000;
- Parchman ministry, helping continue the ministry which is aimed primarily at the prison staff, \$20,000;
- Church building/pastoral aid, providing emergency help, \$30,000;
- Student work on black campuses,

funding a part time consultant for work on the state's black campuses, \$7,200;

•Mission awareness, providing for writing and producing the state missions materials, \$11,100.

To help promote these ministries and the state mission offering itself, the Mississippi WMU which promotes the offering has mailed to each WMU director a packet of materials including a poster, a tabloid publication explaining in detail for adults the offering needs and goals, program materials for all other age levels, a sample of offering envelopes, a poster, and order forms.

Pastors all received the poster, adult program materials, and a filmstrip and script which depict the needs graphically.

Theme of the state mission season of prayer for this year is "Plant . . . Produce . . . Grow." The materials for adults, written by Martha Jean Alvis of Jackson, notes "Planting of any kind always involves risk-taking and faith. Planting of any kind always involves nurturing and work. Mississippi Baptists have been willing to take risks and have been willing to exercise faith in the planting of the gospel of Jesus Christ. And Mississippi Baptists have been willing to work and pray and to give to nurture those emerging 'plants' into production and growth."

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Carey students confer with Clawson

Three William Carey students confer with William Clawson of Hattiesburg, chairman of the department of biblical studies at the college. Left to right are Joe Price, biblical studies ma-

ajor, a senior from Hattiesburg; Alissa Thrash, sophomore accounting major from Petal; Clawson; and Jeff Floyd, senior biblical studies major from Greenwood.



Blue Mountain: "to educate young women"

The education of young women has always been the purpose of Blue Mountain College, and as the young women of today seek a place to prepare for their futures, RMC remains the ideal place to find an excellent educational opportunity.

"Pray Them Home" campaign launched for American hostages in Lebanon

SEATTLE, Wash. (EP) — A massive "Pray Them Home" prayer campaign on behalf of American hostages in Lebanon was launched on the Fourth of July.

The campaign was announced on the day Americans celebrated their freedom, by Friends in the West, a Seattle-based human rights organization, who also announced the availability of prayer bracelets bearing the names of five hostages — Terry Anderson, Lawrence Jenco,

David Jacobsen, William Buckley, and Thomas Sutherland — and the dates of their kidnapping.

Jenco was released July 26, after 19 months of being held hostage by Shiite Moslems.

"Only divine intervention can change the course of this desperate situation in the Middle East," said Ray Barnett, president of Friends in the West and a Canadian citizen who managed an aid program in Lebanon for more than a year.

"This prayer effort will include a petition being circulated throughout the United States to gather signatures asking for President Ronald Reagan to declare Thanksgiving Day, 1986, as a national day of prayer on behalf of the hostages," said Lela Gilbert, who will serve as prayer coordinator for the event. "I have spoken to many of the hostage family members. They feel strongly that faith in God can reach beyond endless political complications that persistently delay their loved ones' return home."

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Christian education in Mississippi

This issue contains the Baptist Record's annual emphasis on Christian Education. This is the time during which we try to put the spotlight on Baptist Christian Education in Mississippi, and this year it is more meaningful because of the endowment campaign that is now under way. Mississippi Baptists are seeking to provide \$40 million in endowment funds for the three Baptist colleges in the state and for the Mississippi Baptist Children's Village.

Christian education among Baptists in Mississippi provides both a responsibility and a privilege. The responsibility comes first. Surely it is a very heavy responsibility that is placed on the shoulders of the Baptist colleges in our state to provide a first-rate education for the young people who come their way and to provide that education in a meaningful Christian setting.

The responsibility lies more in the Christian atmosphere than in the first-rate education, for without the Christian atmosphere there would be no need to have Baptist colleges. Yet the atmosphere is not enough, and

there must exist the possibility of obtaining a first-rate education, or there would be no students to witness to in the Christian atmosphere.

So it is a double-pronged approach that must constantly be kept active by the administrative personnel and the faculty members of the college. There can be no letdown in either aspect. And, indeed, in Mississippi all of the Baptist institutions of higher learning are known to be first-rate colleges. Parents and students may select these institutions with confidence.

And that's where the privilege comes in. It is a privilege for a young person to attend one of these colleges. The experiences at these institutions will have an extra dimension in that the Christian atmosphere is always in evidence. This is without question a worthwhile consideration for anyone who is giving thought to the choice of a college for himself or his children.

The colleges have provided the information for much of the content that is to be found in this issue. We feel that readers will find it interesting as they become better acquainted with the Baptist colleges in Mississippi.

And with these facts in mind, this is a call for Mississippi Baptists to support the endowment campaign. This endowment money is desperately needed to maintain the quality of education that is now enjoyed and to maintain colleges with a Christian atmosphere in our state.

There is no attempt to declare that the state-supported colleges do not have witnessing Christians on the faculty and among the student body. They do, and these folks play a vital role in the Master's kingdom. I know some of them and have the utmost respect for their lives, their abilities, and their witness. Also, there are active Baptist Student Unions on the state campuses. On our Baptist college campuses, however, the administration and faculty have the opportunity of providing an overt Christian witness from a Baptist perspective.

At this point the Baptist dollars going to Christian education and the endowments that are in force are being stretched farther and farther. Relief is needed. This is our opportunity to respond.

Guest opinion — Mississippi Mission . . .

Our Baptist colleges: the priceless plus

By Chester Swor

I recall hearing the late Frank Leavell, who pioneered in the establishment and development of the Southern Baptist Convention's Baptist Student Union ministry, referring to Christian colleges as institutions with the "Priceless Plus," meaning that in addition to the thoroughness of academic excellence, a genuine Christian college provides a dimension or "plus" through its Christian philosophy and its campus atmosphere. Although he was a graduate of a state university, his three children were graduated from Baptist colleges.

It is not that in Mississippi the secular or state universities do not have high regard for the Christian dimension of higher education, for they have welcomed and cooperated with our Baptist Student ministries; but, rather, that the principle of separation of church and state, bolstered by some federal rulings in

recent years, has made it advisable for the state institutions to "walk a thin line" in the matter of investing funds in personnel or activities which might be interpreted as violating the separation principle. Our Mississippi Baptist Convention demonstrates its vital interest in the continuing spiritual development of our Baptist students who attend state schools by maintaining 18 full-time Baptist Student Union directors, two of whom are associate directors; five part-time directors; one seminary intern; and two graduate assistanceships on our state-supported campuses, junior colleges, and universities.

The priceless plus in a genuine Christian college encourages the institution to anchor all of its educational goals to the principle of high academic standards in an atmosphere which is permeated by the Christian ethic and guided by the Christian spirit. In that atmosphere

both administrative and teaching personnel have unrestricted privilege of sharing in classrooms and in college-wide activities the highest concepts of Christianity in relation to subjects being taught and promoted as distinctives of the Christian college. The college has the privilege of requiring some curriculum obligations involving biblical studies, and it can put money into programs and personnel to develop and coordinate religious activities, special college-wide weeks of inspirational nature, and to bring outstanding Christian personalities for lectures.

In the atmosphere just described, the impact of Christian students upon each other is an immense factor in the spiritual development and happiness of student life. The readiness of professors to share their convictions with students and to offer individual counseling is another facet of the priceless plus. All of these factors

combine to offer a caring atmosphere on the Christian college campus, an atmosphere in which there is a cultivation of a sense of importance of the individual student.

While never neglecting definite priority upon academic excellence, a Christian college will complement that priority with a priceless plus of both tangible and intangible factors with the result that a student is prepared to handle the responsibilities and challenges of post-college years with a dimension of strength which he or she might otherwise not have had. THIS WRITER BELIEVES STRONGLY THAT OUR MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST COLLEGES ARE PROVIDING THAT "PRICELESS PLUS" AND DESERVE OUR FULLEST SUPPORT!

Chester Swor, of Jackson, Miss., is a veteran lecturer to student gatherings and on college campuses throughout the nation.

Keystone In The Arch Of Life



The pornography report discussion

The extent to which peddlers of pornography will go to protect their business has been shown with the announcement that a leading public relations firm in Washington, D.C., has

been retained to map out ways of discrediting the report of the Attorney General's Commission on Pornography that was released last month.

I have not seen the report, therefore I cannot comment on its excellence or lack thereof. I have been made aware, however, that it represents a severe judgment against pornography; and since that is the case, I would feel disposed to support it.

Therefore, I do not take kindly to the fact that a public relations firm has been selected to show the way in an effort to discredit the report. The public relations firm was retained by the Council for Periodical Distributors Associations. The task of the PR agency, according to a news report citing private correspondence obtained by the National Federation for Decency, is to build public support for sexually explicit magazines.

In a letter from a vice-president of the PR firm, the objective is established to "assist the Coalition deal with the short-term challenge presented by the Commission on Pornography and the long-term challenge presented by the religious fundamentalists."

So the die has been cast, and those opposing the commission's report will try to put it and its defenders in a bad light. It is likely to be a nasty war before it is over.

Those supporting the commission's report must stand firm in the face of severe harassment if they expect to win. And they must win.

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Two speakers eliminated

MBC cut to 5 sessions

By Tim Nicholas

The 1986 session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention will have five sessions instead of the usual six, according to Gordon Sansing, chairman of the Committee on Order of Business.

The abbreviated convention, which will begin Monday evening, Nov. 10, and go through Wednesday morning, Nov. 12, was shortened to accommodate a Monday Pastors' Conference. Such a conference was voted by messengers at the 1985 Mississippi Baptist Convention.

"This meant that two major speakers were eliminated," said Sansing, who is pastor of First Church, Vicksburg. "And yet at the same time we have tried to allow for an adequate time to take care of our convention business." Sansing said the change in time and length was made in cooperation with the Pastors' Conference Committee which is developing its own program.

Principal speakers for the convention include Daniel Vestal, Lewis Myers, Lloyd Elder, Odean Puckett, Frank Gunn, and Earl Kelly. Charles Carter, pastor of Shades Mountain Church, Birmingham, will be the Bible Treasure speaker. Each year the

convention traditionally offers a series of devotional messages, called Bible Treasures, one per session.

Vestal, pastor of First Church, Midland, Tex., will be the closing speaker at the convention. That church has been the top giver to the SBC Cooperative Program.

Elder is president of the SBC Sunday School Board; Myers, a Mississippian, heads up a new operation of the Foreign Mission Board which develops ministries in countries where missionaries can not presently serve; Puckett, pastor of First Church, Natchez, will deliver the convention sermon; Gunn, pastor of First Church, Biloxi, will present the president's address; and Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will present a special missions report.

Sansing said that the restrictions on time mean that business will have to be accomplished within the five session framework.

Business matters include election of officers — President Gunn is eligible for a second one year term as president — and consideration of a 1987 convention budget of \$19 million.

"Not only did we try to maintain time for the business," said Sansing, "but to provide the kind of inspirational messages that would be meaningful to those attending."

Sansing added that "we extended invitations to other speakers, including former presidents of the SBC and these are not able to come and be with us."

At every session of this year's convention, said Sansing, besides a major speaker and a Bible Treasure message, there will be a choir in the loft for the entire session. Choirs include the Mississippi Singing Churchmen, the youth choir of Leake County, and choirs from First Church, Biloxi; First Church, Natchez; and Parkway Church, Jackson.

Theme of the 1986 convention is "One Heart and a New Spirit," which is taken from Ezekiel 11:19a.

Others serving on the Order of Business Committee are Mrs. James (Joy) Yates, Yazoo City; Ronnie Massey, Meridian; J. W. Brister, Jackson; Hal Buchanan, Tupelo; and Tommy Vinson, Southaven. Chairman Sansing said the planning involved the convention officers.

Education Issue



MC expects increase in freshmen

Judith Graham (left), secretary in the office of admissions at Mississippi College, tacks the photo of Debbie Owens of Brandon (right) on the board of new freshmen expected for the fall semester. The enrollment outlook for the freshman class points toward a large increase. Miss Owens is a recent graduate of Woodland Hills Baptist Academy in Jackson.

BSSB elects two new department heads

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Directors of the music publishing and property management departments of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board were elected by trustees during their semi-annual meeting in Nashville, Tenn.

Fes Robertson, an employee of the board since 1967, was elected to head the newly created music publishing department which will begin operating Oct. 1. Richard Bell, who has owned a construction and development company in Houston will direct the property management department which oversees maintenance and construction projects in Nashville and at the 63 Baptist Book Stores and two conference centers.

Robertson, 52, has been supervisor of the youth/adult/general materials development section of the church music department since 1980.

The music publishing department, authorized by the trustees in February 1986, will publish Christian music products for church, school,

and home use. Products will include printed music, vocal and instrumental audio and video items, musical instruments, and other music related items.

Larry Holly, a physician from Beaumont, Texas, strongly reiterated concerns expressed at the previous meeting that the new department not publish so-called Christian rock music. Bill Tisdale, pastor of First Church, Henderson, Texas, said he has heard many expressions of support for the new publishing venture, especially by ministers of music.

Sunday School Board President Lloyd Elder said publishing guidelines for the music publishing department would be presented for trustee consideration, probably at the February 1987 meeting.

Bell, 47, has owned the Sabel Company since 1984. Earlier, he was vice president of construction for Vantage Companies, a Houston real estate development and management company.

Seminary opens Jackson program

NEW ORLEANS — New Orleans Seminary is now offering courses in Jackson through its new extension center at Mississippi Baptist Seminary.

Classes are accredited for the master of divinity, master of religious education, and associate of divinity degree programs. Term I classes meet Aug. 25 to Oct. 13; registration is Aug. 25.

Associate level classes meet

Tuesdays and Thursdays. Courses offered during Term I are "Introduction to New Testament" (8:30-10:20 a.m.), "English Grammar" (10:30 a.m.-12:20 p.m.), "Christian Theology" (6-7:50 p.m.), and "Work of the Pastor" (8-9:50 p.m.).

Master's level classes for Term I meet on Mondays. Courses offered are "Introduction to the Old Testament" (1-5 p.m.) and "Evangelism" (6-10

p.m.).

Other courses to be offered during the 1986-87 academic year include "History of the Baptists," "Preaching," "Comparative Religion and Liturgies," and "Introduction to Southern Baptist Missions."

For more information, contact the Registrar's Office, New Orleans Seminary, 3939 Gentilly Blvd., New Orleans, La., 70126.

No foreign money, government tells missionaries in India

By Marty Croll

NEW DELHI, India (BP) — A government freeze on donations from Southern Baptists to mission work in India has forced missionaries to sell a mission car and consider selling other property to fund ongoing evangelism programs.

In late June, the Indian government notified missionaries, officially organized into the Indian Baptist Mission, to accept no further funding from outside the country, unless it was approved first by the central government. Caught by the ruling was about \$70,000 which the Foreign Mission Board finance office had forwarded to the mission treasury just after the

notification was sent.

If foreign funds are not approved, the mission could be forced to sell other victims and land plots or buildings. Missionary salaries are not affected.

"This places our mission and our hospital under incredible financial pressure," said missionary physician Rebekah Naylor, administrator at the Baptist hospital in the southern city of Bangalore. "We are already restricting expenditures. Plans for further cuts are underway." More than 200 churches have been started in the area from contacts made at the hospital.

During a hastily called meeting with government officials in New Delhi, missionaries immediately turned in a request to receive enough money from the Foreign Mission Board to run their programs for the next three months. But the government has up to 120 days (four months) to approve or deny the request. That means the mission, which normally uses about \$50,000 a month from the Foreign Mission Board, could be without allocations for some time.

If four months pass without any action by the government, the request automatically is granted, as specified in the Foreign Contributions Regulation Act of 1976. But the director of the

office that enforces the act told missionaries he would take action on their request within 45 days, according to missionary Jerry Rankin, who met with him in New Delhi.

The government's foreign contributions office has been instructed to investigate every organization receiving more than \$250,000 a year in foreign contributions, Rankin said. Officials have asked the mission to supply detailed accounts of how much money has been spent where and for what purpose since the act was first administered in 1976.

The audit, as the government is calling it, further complicates affairs

of the mission, which has been facing increasingly complex struggles to secure visas for missionary personnel.

The mission is unclear whether the audit is a step against Christian missionary influence in this Hindu nation, or a way to police foreign funds in an attempt to cut off supply lines for civil disruption. In parts of India religious and cultural disagreements have erupted into open fighting.

When missionaries met July 16 to discuss contingency plans, they decided that starting churches will continue to be their primary objective.

Marty Croll writes for the Foreign Mission Board.

Fall and summer — one week apart at MC

A record-setting summer school session, which found enrollment up by 15 percent, was closed out at Mississippi College this week. Now all activity turns toward the fall session which officially opens on Saturday, Aug. 23, as students start reporting in for orientation and registration.

With less than a week between summer and fall session this year because of a late-starting summer school to meet the needs of area teachers, activity has been on a double-time basis in most of the administrative offices and maintenance crews as everything is put in readiness for the onslaught of students expected later this week.

"I appreciate the extra effort on the part of all the faculty and staff members in seeing that everything is ready for the students as they arrive," said Lewis Nobles, college president. "And I believe the cooperative spirit that has been exhibited is indicative of the exciting year we are anticipating as we begin our 161st academic session."

Nobles, the faculty and staff, and the various administrative offices have every reason to be excited, too. The enrollment outlook is extremely encouraging, new programs and courses have been instituted, new faculty and administrative leaders have joined the family and the enthusiasm displayed by returning student body leaders all add up to the prospect of a banner year by Mississippi Baptists' oldest educational institution.

In his year-end report to supporters of Mississippi College, Nobles emphasized the role of leadership as provided by the institution.

"The college was born of a desire to educate leaders for ministry in the church, and during the course of our history that role has expanded to encompass educating Christian leaders in all walks of life to the four corners of the earth," said Nobles.

"I know of no better place to catch the qualities of personal integrity, upright living, desire to accomplish, dedication to the task, perseverance, enthusiasm, loving, caring, sharing than in an institution like Mississippi College. Here students are exposed to accomplished scholars who have dedicated their personal and professional lives to whetting the appetite for learning, to honing in on teaching students the study skills and discipline to acquire knowledge, to leading youth to assimilate and integrate value systems in their search for truth, and to serving as effective role models for students to emulate," said the president.

The Christian environment and academic reputation were the two primary reasons last year's entering class chose Mississippi College over other colleges and universities according to a study done by Cooperative Research Program of UCLA and the American Council on Education.

In a series of "local option" questions given only to Mississippi College students, 95 percent rated the college's academic reputation as "extremely high," but the most important single influence given for choosing the institution was the Christian environment.

The entering 1986 class evidently

falls into the same mold as there are a record number of presidential scholars and 15 of Mississippi's national merit scholars will be among the incoming group. Too, all 15 national merit finalists are members of the Baptist denomination.

Enrollment outlook

"To say that we are excited over the academic makeup of the incoming freshman class would be an understatement," said Mrs. Jennifer Trussell, director of admissions.

"We are just overcome by the enthusiasm these national merit finalists and presidential scholars, along with all the other enrollees, have shown in the academic program and the overall integrity of the institution," she said.

She expressed appreciation to the Mississippi Baptist constituency for continued support of the institution and pointed out that because of this support enrollment figures for the new school year are most encouraging.

Figures compiled by Admissions Office personnel through Aug. 1 showed that 616 applications had been received for the new school year, an increase over the number recorded for the same period last year.

Of the number applying for fall enrollment, 350 were freshmen students, 231 transfer students, 32 were making re-admission, and three had applied for a non-degree program.

"One of the things most encouraging is that we seem to be having fewer cancellations as the time for actual registration draws nearer," said Mrs. Trussell.

"The most positive statistic to me is the fact that we have an increase of over 40 freshman students and also show an increase in dormitory students, both male and female," said the admissions director. She indicated that the daily mail is continuing to bring in more applications and walk-in applications have picked up as deadline time approaches.

Mrs. Trussell passed praise to her crew of admissions counselors, as well as individual faculty and staff members and alumni, who have assisted in the successful recruitment effort.

"Our admissions counselors have worked long and hard to make this a productive year, visiting high schools and junior colleges in every area of the state as well as in surrounding states. The cooperation of the faculty and staff in making contact with prospective students has been outstanding," voiced Trussell.

Quality as well as quantity appears to be the case as far as the new recruits are concerned. Trussell reports that the average ACT score for entering freshmen of 1986 is 21.3, placing Mississippi College well above the national average and considerably above the Mississippi ACT average.

This past year's student body included representatives from 79 of Mississippi's 82 counties, 36 of the 50 states and four foreign countries. The College of Arts and Sciences had the largest enrollment, followed by the School of Business Administration, School of Education, School of Law, and School of Nursing.

Orientation

The 161st academic session officially gets underway at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 23, as freshmen residence halls swing open their doors for students. Orientation of the new students begins at 1 p.m. on Saturday in Provine Chapel with registration for them and their parents, while the first general session is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. This will feature comments from top administrators as well as student body leaders.

While the parents are attending a reception in their honor in the B. C. Rogers Student Center at 2:30 p.m., the students will begin their academic advising sessions. The parents and students will be guests of the College for dinner starting at 4:45 p.m. in the main dining room of the student center.

After dinner the students will attend an evening session entitled "Life on Campus," a program which will in-

troduce them to campus life and give them the opportunity of meeting informally with student leaders. The day will close out with a scavenger hunt and ice cream party starting at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday will be devoted to church services at the various churches throughout the greater Jackson-Clinton area, with special services planned at Morrison Heights Baptist Church, Clinton, in the morning and

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Did You Know?

Pardon our pride, but we just have to share the good news!

Fifteen of Mississippi's National Merit Scholars for 1986 have selected Mississippi College as their college and will be enrolling for the fall semester. They are 15 of the Magnolia State's most brilliant young people.

We congratulate these students on their outstanding academic achievements and for the confidence they have placed in Mississippi College as they prepare for their chosen profession.

Mississippi College, the state's oldest educational institution and the second oldest Baptist supported college in the nation, is proud of its academic reputation. We have been educating young minds since 1826. We know our business!

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New developments greet William Carey students

William Carey College boasts outstanding new developments as a new session begins on Friday, Aug. 22. A new School of Education was organized during the summer and now functions as a separate academic unit of the college under the leadership of Dean Walter Butler.

For the first time in the history of the college a soccer team has been recruited and located at Carey on the Coast. The soccer coach is Mac Leuchtman formerly of Northeast Louisiana State University in Monroe, La.

Carey College on the Coast opens 96 units of newly constructed student apartments at the opening of the fall session converting this campus into a residential operation with a traditional day schedule along with the continuing full schedule of evening courses. Carey College now has dormitories on all three of the campuses in Hattiesburg, Gulfport, and New Orleans.

The 1986-87 session at William Carey College officially gets underway on Friday, Aug. 22, with an all-day workshop for faculty and staff using the theme "Leadership for Excellence in Christian Higher Education." Student leaders will be in a concurrent planning session under the direction of Milton Wheeler, vice president for student development.

On Saturday, Aug. 23, dormitories on the Hattiesburg campus open for new students instead of the usual opening time of Sunday afternoon. This allows for a more extensive orientation period for new students and also avoids the conflict with church activities for parents who transport their sons and daughters to the campus and are also involved in a parents' reception and welcome. Also, on Saturday the Baptist Student Union will hold a pre-school planning session beginning at 9 a.m. directed by Steve Smith, director of religious activities.

Dormitories open for returning students at the Hattiesburg campus on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 24.

Monday, Aug. 25, is a day for orientation of new students on the Hattiesburg campus and for registration of students from 1-5 p.m. at the School of Nursing in New Orleans. Registration on the Hattiesburg campus for all students is scheduled from 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 26, and classes begin at 8 a.m. on Wednesday morning, Aug. 27.

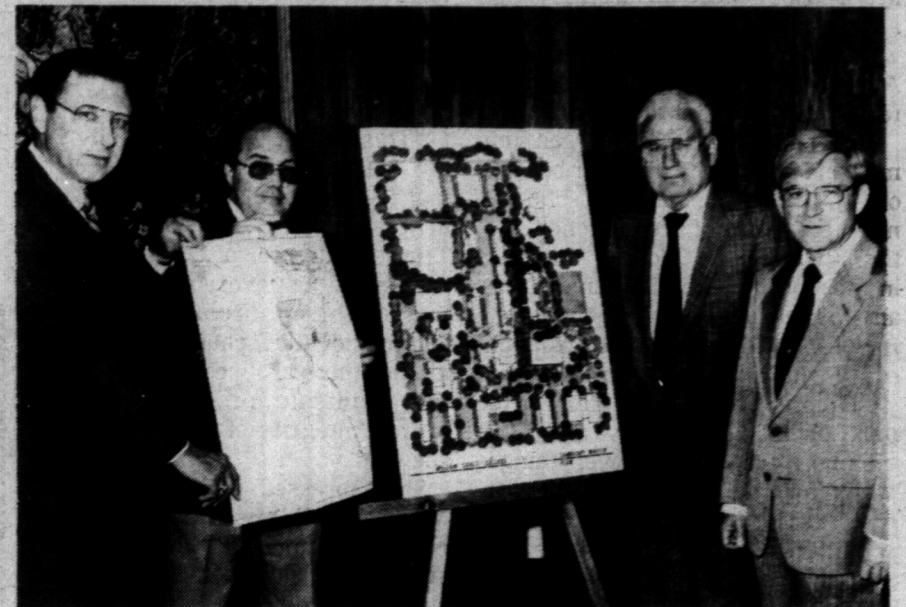
Registration at Carey on the Coast in Gulfport will be held Thursday, Aug. 28, beginning at 1 p.m. and classes on that campus begin Tuesday, Sept. 2.

In addition to orientation and registration, the opening days on all three campuses are filled with welcome parties, picnics, and varied recreational activities.

An opening convocation is scheduled for the Hattiesburg campus at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 2.

Athletics get underway in early September with a fall baseball schedule and for the first time this year Carey College will have a soccer

team at Carey on the Coast and the opening game is scheduled for Sept. 4 at Belhaven College. The basketball schedule gets underway on Nov. 10.



Luther Boyd, chairman, Carey Board of Trustees, and George Stepco, representing Tatum Management Corp., present plans for development of 2,000 acres in south Hattiesburg. Rodney Fairchild, chairman, Carey Board of Development, and Carey President J. Ralph Noonkester look on. Seventy-five acres of this development are adjacent to the south side of Carey.

Carey lays new emphasis on quality student life

On the Hattiesburg campus of William Carey College new students will enter the dormitories a day earlier than usual for orientation led by students and the office of student development. This intensive program of orientation will continue for a period of three weeks.

A busy calendar of special events for the semester has been prepared by student government leaders and the four social clubs. The combination of concerts, tours, lectures, sporting events, and religious activities will offer an enriched semester for residential students.

With the opening of four new dormitories on William Carey's coast campus, students will have a residential life program centering around the beach pool. A first-year soccer program will bring intercollegiate athletics to the coast campus as well. With the emphasis on residential living on the coast campus, student development and the Baptist Student Union will begin a chapel service there.

On the New Orleans campus, nursing students enjoy deluxe dormitory accommodations in the same building as their classes and library. Overstreet walkways connect to the Southern Baptist Hospital for clinical

practice. a weekly chapel service and a well-structured calendar of activities assure these students a meaningful residential living experience.

Because of our namesake, it is appropriate that at William Carey College the priority of the religious activities program be missions. The Baptist Student Union plays a vital role in making this priority become a reality.

Three weeks of the school year are set aside to emphasize missions. A general missions emphasis is conducted in September, a foreign missions emphasis in December, and a home missions emphasis in March.

These are times when students are made aware of missions and challenged to become personally involved in missions. Students are encouraged to participate in the BSU summer missions program, the annual mission trip sponsored by the BSU, and the community missions program which involves a local nursing home, Columbia Training School, and other projects. In addition to the three weeks of special emphasis, missionaries speak regularly at the BSU Noonday program on Mondays and Wednesdays.

In conjunction with the BSU mis-

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Carey president cites priorities

President J. Ralph Noonkester has begun his 35th year as professor, dean, and president of the college. He completed 30 years as president of the college on July 28. His tenure at Carey is longer than any other current president of a Baptist college or university.

Noonkester has issued a challenge in his letter of welcome to all new students of Carey. In this letter he states: "I believe in the college because I have seen what the school has meant to doctors, lawyers, ministers, missionaries, businessmen, educators, professional musicians, and professional athletes through more than three decades. I think I know what William Carey College can do for you... What we have to offer is a real, real bargain."

Noonkester emphasizes to the student that William Carey College is committed to the belief that a student's educational pilgrimage is not experienced fully unless intellectual growth is accompanied by spiritual growth.

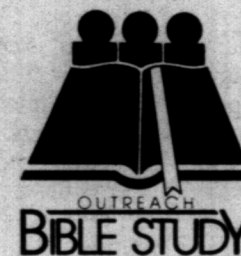
The 1986-87 session will give priority to a strengthened academic program, an enriched program of student life on three residential campuses and on the Christian distinctives of the college.



William Carey on the Coast, is the only senior college on the Mississippi Gulf Coast offering all four years of undergraduate study. The campus boasts newly renovated classrooms and administration buildings, four new apartment buildings (above), a new art gallery, and a new swimming pool near the beach.



William Carey College is known for its excellent drama and speech programs. The Carey Dinner Theatre draws crowds from all over south Mississippi for its two summer productions. Carey theatre department has recently been featured by the Alpha Psi Omega National Theatre Honorary in the PLAYBILL publication, honoring distinguished theatre programs.



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Clarke College opens 79th session Aug. 24

On August 24, Clarke College will officially begin her 79th year of operation in Newton, Miss. The college faces the new year with great optimism. The addition of several new faculty members has broadened the scope of the academic offerings. Applications for admission exceed the number for the same time period of 1985-86, and programs, services, and ministries of the college have never been stronger.

New Dean of Clarke College
James Read has been named dean

of Clarke College following the resignation of Ron Kirkland. Kirkland, who served the college as dean for the past three years, resigned in July to accept the pastorate of First Church, Batesville. Read joined the faculty of Clarke in 1980 as instructor of history and social science. He subsequently became head of the Division of Natural and Social Science. In 1985, he was selected to head the Steering Committee for the comprehensive self study for the Southern Association of Colleges and

schools.

Read is a graduate of Northwest Junior College and he holds the M.Ed., M.S.S., and Ed.D from the University of Mississippi. Read and his wife, Sandy, have four children: Sonya, 11; Jordan, 4; Faye, 15, and Pat, 13. They will live in the dean's home on the Clarke campus.

Opening Week Schedule

The schedule for the opening week at Clarke College was announced

recently by James Read, dean of the college.

Faculty and staff will meet on Friday, Aug. 22, to study new schedules, course offerings, and policies.

On Sunday, Aug. 24, dormitories will open as new students arrive on campus. The Sunday evening meal will be the first meal served to students. Following worship in local churches, a get-acquainted activity will be held in the college cafeteria.

On Monday at 8 a.m., all new students will meet in the Science

Building to begin orientation under the direction of Dean Read.

Following orientation, students will begin meeting with faculty advisors who help each student tailor his or her schedule to fit the specific needs of various academic disciplines.

Registration will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 26, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Sanders Memorial Library. Night class registration will be held at the first meeting of each class.

Classes for the 1986 fall session begin at 8 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 27.

Andrew Club is only one of many Clarke ministries

At the heart of Clarke College is the opportunity for faculty and students to participate in the many ministries which radiate from the campus.

Students are able to help other students through the Andrew Club, a tutorial program initiated to identify and encourage students having academic difficulty. Faculty members direct students in need of assistance to Andrew Club's capable help. There is no charge to the student in need and a small scholarship is provided by a private source for Andrew

Club members.

Students are able to serve others through many Baptist Student Union ministries. A rest home ministry is provided for residents of the two housing units for the elderly in Newton. In addition, youth teams travel to local churches to lead youth revivals, weekend retreats, and special services.

A complete campus focus on missions helps to make the Lottie Moon Foreign Mission Season and the Annie Armstrong Home Mission emphasis highlights of the college year.

Clarke programs offer variety

Clarke College not only offers a full schedule of classes leading to the associate of arts degree, but also offers programs which attract many different types of students.

In connection with Mississippi College, work is offered on the Newton campus that will lead students toward a four year degree in elementary

education and several fields of vocational Christian service.

A variety of night classes is presented to attract the ever-growing number of "non traditional" college students who must balance college with careers and families. Off campus work is offered in Meridian and elsewhere as the need arises.

Clarke applications indicate increase

The number of applications for admission to Clarke College for the fall, 1986, semester is significantly greater than the number for the same time period in 1985.

In an era when colleges around the nation are experiencing periods of slow growth or no growth at all, Clarke continues to show stability.

On campus housing for married students is at maximum capacity and several married couples who wish to live on campus have been forced to make plans to commute until housing is available. Some dormitory space is still available for both men and women, but air-conditioned and ground floor rooms are filled.

Remarks from the dean

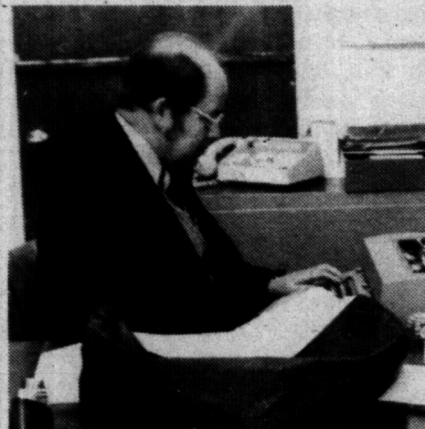
By James Read

As Clarke College begins its 79th year of operation, we who are members of the Clarke College family can look back with pride at its unique contributions to Baptist higher education. Clarke College's influence is world wide through its graduates who live around the world. Recently we had a visitor on our campus, Hiroshi Yano, who graduated from Clarke College in 1955. He now teaches biology at a junior college in Tokyo, Japan. Everywhere I have gone in Mississippi to speak to Baptist churches about Clarke College, I have found Clarke graduates. Clarke College's contributions are unique in at least three ways. First, it is unique in its open admissions policy which allows students with inadequate educational backgrounds to enter a college that will bring them to the college level with its remedial courses. Second, Clarke College is unique because it is Mississippi's only Baptist junior college. Third, and most importantly, Clarke College has a "sweet sweet spirit" abiding on its campus based on the personal commitments of its family members (faculty, students, and staff) to leading Christ-centered lives. That "sweet sweet spirit" continues to abide with those who leave Clarke College becoming members of our extended world wide family.

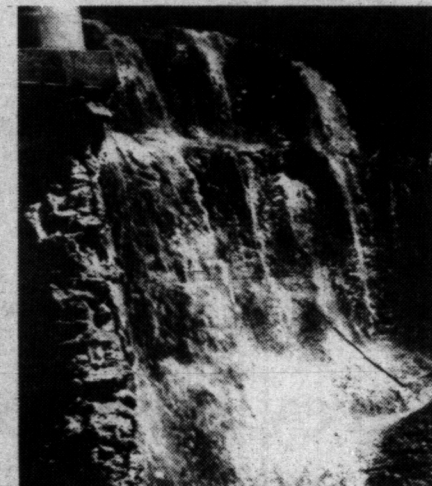
As dean of the college, I wish to express my thanks to the Baptists of Mississippi for supporting Clarke College and pledge to you that Clarke College will continue to meet the challenges to Christian higher education with your continued support.



Jim Read, dean of the college, has made the change from the classroom to the Administration building. Also shown is an elementary education student from Newton.



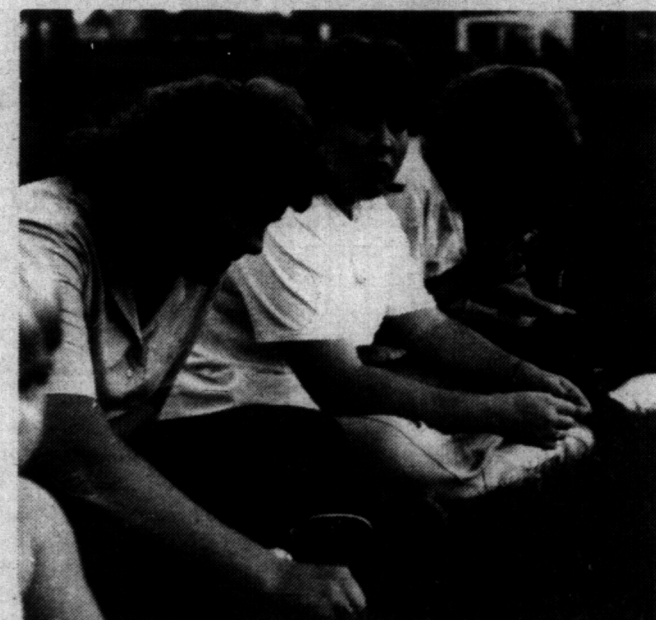
Eddie Ruddick, chairman of the Division of Religion and Philosophy at Clarke College balances teaching, preaching, and writing Sunday School materials for the Convention.



Dunn's Falls (shown) and Turkey Creek Water Park are two nearby favorite scenic spots for Clarke students.



Coeds gather in front of the women's dorm in preparation for a game of softball. Susan Williams (far left) Waynesboro; Melody Hill, Buckatunna; Sharon Grace, Magee; and Connie Parnell, Tibbee, Ala., are shown.



Judy Price, Stanton, Ala.; Pam Waldrip, Brookhaven; and Naomi Crowell, Quitman, find a few moments to relax on the Clarke campus.

Clarke adds to faculty

Several new faculty members have been added at Clarke College for the 1986-87 school year. Jeannette Murphey of Newton has accepted the position as instructor of psychology. Mrs. Murphey is a graduate of Mississippi Delta Junior College and earned the bachelor of science, the master of education and the doctor of philosophy degrees in educational psychology from Mississippi State University. She has extensive experience as a psychological and educational examiner and has served as associate psychologist and psychometrist for the Newton Learning Resource Center.

Also joining the faculty for the 1986-87 school year is Juanita West. Ms. West holds the bachelor of arts degree from William Carey College

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Blue Mountain residence halls open Aug. 24

Registration for the fall semester at Blue Mountain College will be held on Monday, Aug. 25, beginning at 9 a.m. Residence halls will open Sunday, Aug. 24, at 1 p.m., and a general assembly will be held for all resident students at 4 p.m. on Aug. 24.

Special students will register at 1:30 p.m. on Aug. 25, teacher assistants at 4 p.m., and evening students at 6 p.m.

Orientation for all new students will be held on Monday, Aug. 25. Classes will begin on Tuesday, Aug. 26, at 8 a.m.

Courses to be offered in the evening and weekend program for the fall semester will include an art workshop, New Testament, Studies in James, introduction to computer programming, word processing, teaching the severely and profoundly handicapped, elementary statistics, music for

the beginner, organ, piano, voice, introduction to counseling, alcohol and drug abuse (psychology), general microbiology and lab, and human anatomy and physiology and lab.

Teacher assistants

With the changes being made in the requirements for teacher certification and the initiation of the public school kindergarten program, the demand for qualified teachers will be even greater in the immediate future. Because Blue Mountain College is interested in quality education, a special program has been designed to enable teachers' assistants (aids) to pursue a bachelor's degree in elementary education by attending classes on a part-time basis while they continue to work.

The program is coordinated so that the students may obtain credit for six

semester hours in each of the fall and spring semesters and twelve semester hours in the summer term, and complete the requirements for a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education in five years. Classes are arranged after public school hours on two afternoons a week from 4-6:30 p.m. for the convenience of these working parents. Courses are scheduled so that students have ample time for outside study and preparation between class meetings.

The summer session is conducted as regular summer classes so the student earns twelve semester hours credit during that session.

As an incentive for students to participate in the program, Blue Mountain College will award a \$100 scholarship per course to students who enter the program, which can amount to a

total scholarship of \$800 per year. Students may also apply for additional financial aid to help cover the remainder of the program costs and books.

Registration for the fall session will be on Aug. 25 from 4-6:00 p.m. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the Admissions Office at 685-4161.

Financial aid

Students find the application process for financial aid becomes more like a complicated maze each year. The 1986-87 academic year is certainly no exception. Blue Mountain College has traditionally served the student in this area with respect to the individual's needs. Each student's needs are different and each one must be carefully considered since finances are an important factor in the stu-

dent's ability to attend an institution.

BMC has endeavored to simplify the process as much as possible. The student is requested to complete only one application form. Follow-up to the application is done step by step with the financial aid office initiating the request for additional information as needed. This process helps the student submit needed information, not unnecessary paperwork. The end result is an early, concise award to the student so the family has time to complete preparation for finances before registration.

Students are reminded that financial aid is available year round at Blue Mountain College, but major awards are made in the summer for the following year.

For further information, contact the Financial Aid Office — 601-685-4771.

Blue Mountain BSU keeps missions in focus

The Baptist Student Union at Blue Mountain College actively contributes to the Christian education which is promised to its students.

Missions continues to be a top priority in the Baptist Student Union program. Ten students were appointed to serve in summer missions this year including: Jandra Barnett, Corinth, to Colorado; Euneica Bryant, Pontotoc, to Israel; Jeanene Ford, Jackson, to Seattle, Washington; Vickie Hill, Mountain View, Arkansas, to the Northwest; Bobby King, Savannah, Tennessee, to Missouri; Dawn Lowery, Memphis, to Montana; Becky Lowrey, Blue Mountain, to the Northwest; Carlyn McCullar, Collierville, to Hawaii; Mindy Pardue, Winter Park, Florida, to Idaho; and Margie Weeks, Pittsboro, to West Virginia.

A missions emphasis week enabled students to have one-on-one contact with three foreign missionaries and a former journeyman.

In March, nineteen students and the BSU director participated in two short-term mission projects. One group worked in the suburbs of Peoria, Illinois, assisting Pat Cummings, US-2er and BMC graduate, who is starting a church. The site of the second project, Chico, California, home of three college and university campuses, enabled the students to help strengthen the BSU at California State University at Chico and to assist in starting a BSU at Butte and Yuba junior colleges. The work of the Blue Mountain team included distributing Bibles, performing using drama and music, and visiting students.

Susan Puckett, Baptist Student Union Director at Blue Mountain College since August, 1979, has been appointed by the Foreign Mission Board to Taiwan, where she will be a student worker.



Academics, the arts, religious activities, and recreation are all a part of student development at BMC.



With the age of technology comes an increasing demand for skilled scientists. The science program at BMC is helping to meet the needs of students who wish to pursue a career in this area.

BMC will present Paul Brand in Staley Lecture series

The Staley Distinguished Christian Scholar Lecture Series and Blue Mountain College will present Paul



Brand

Wilson Brand, physician, as guest lecturer on Sept. 23-25 at the college. Brand spent his early childhood in the mountains of India where his parents served as missionaries. He was educated in London, England, and received his medical and surgical training in London University. In 1946 he went back to India to teach surgery at Christian Medical College, as International Christian enterprise involving more than 50 Protestant missions and other organizations from more than a dozen countries. There he became Professor of Orthopedic Surgery and specialized in hand reconstruction, but his main research interest centered on

reconstruction of healed leprosy patients.

He became the first surgeon in the world to demonstrate the feasibility of prevention and correction of leprosy deformities and became Director of Orthopedic Surgery to the Leprosy Mission and Consultant to the American Leprosy Missions.

After 19 years in India, he is currently Chief of Rehabilitation Branch of the National Hansen's Disease Center, Carville, La., the only leprosy hospital in the continental U.S.A., and clinical professor of surgery and orthopedics at Louisiana State University. He is a member of the expert panel for Leprosy of World Health Organization.

Brand's has published enumerable outstanding works and papers in his field.

The more we count the blessings we have, the less we crave the luxuries we don't have.



The ministerial education program at BMC continues to provide sound Christian education for men who are preparing for the ministry.

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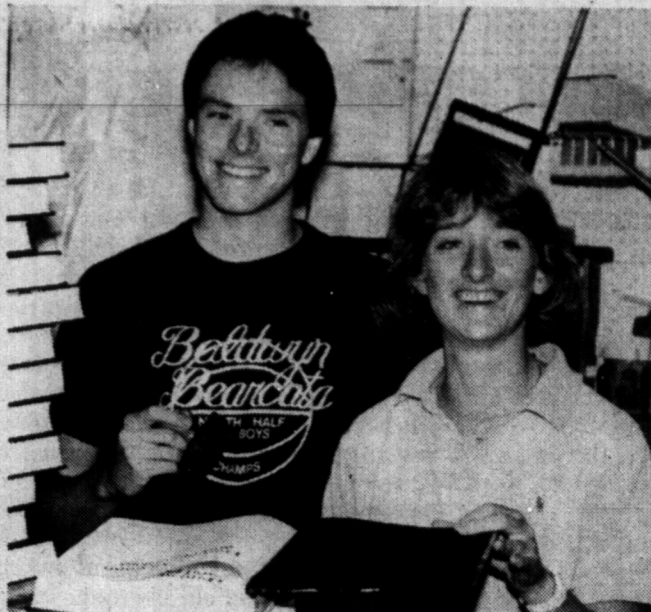
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It has been a bee-hive of activity in the Admissions Office at Mississippi College as applications come in for the fall semester. Pictured, left to right, taking care of the flurry are Judith Graham, Susan Milner, Jeanette Kirby and Annette Daniels.



One of the busiest locations on campus this time of year at Mississippi College is the Trading Post, book and supply center. Barry Prather (left) and Amy Patterson, both of Clinton, have been busy for several weeks now checking in books to be used by the student for the fall semester.



There is a little apprehension as Karen Virden (left) Kennesaw, Ga., and Tara Lytal of Clinton try the new elevator in the B.C. Rogers Student Center for the first time. Observing their initial trip is Tom Washburn, associate dean of students and coordinator for the orientation planned for new students this fall. The elevator is located in the west end of the student center.

At Mississippi College

Fall and summer a week apart

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First Baptist Church, Clinton, in the evening.

From 2:30-4:30 p.m. on Sunday the students will be honored at the reception in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Lewis Nobles.

Freshmen and transfer students will continue orientation on Monday, Aug. 25, with transfers congregating at 8:30 a.m. in Provine Chapel and freshmen at 9 a.m. in Nelson Auditorium. This will be followed by more academic advising and preparation of class schedules throughout the day. A Baptist Student Union program starting at 6 p.m. will climax the day.

Registration

The actual registration of students will get underway at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 26, as transfer students begin the matriculation process. At 1 p.m. freshmen will begin registering, reporting in time segments alphabetically according to the first

letter of their last name.

The schedule will be: A-G, from 1-2 p.m.; H-P, from 2-3 p.m.; Q-Z, from 3-4 p.m. All registration will take place in the student center following the steps outlined in the orientation sessions.

Upperclassmen will begin registering on Wednesday, Aug. 27, at 9 a.m. according to the following schedule: SENIORS — A-L, 9-10 a.m.; M-Z, 10-11 a.m.; JUNIORS — A-L, 1-1:45 p.m.; M-Z, 1:45-2:30 p.m.; SOPHOMORES — A-L, 2:30-3 p.m.; M-Z, 3-3:30 p.m.

Graduate and undergraduate students attending evening school only will register in the student center on Monday, Aug. 25, from 5-7 p.m. Necessary forms may be picked up in the foyer of Nelson Hall prior to reporting for actual registration in the student center. Evening school registration is also scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 28, and Tuesday, Sept. 2, from 5-7 p.m. each night.

All graduate and undergraduate

classes will begin on the regular schedule on Thursday, Aug. 28. Classes will not meet on Monday, Sept. 1, because of the Labor Day holiday.

Variety of activities

A variety of general activities are planned throughout the first few weeks of the school year to give students an opportunity to become better acquainted with members of the college family and with each other.

"We have some excellent social activities planned which should help ease students into the new routine of college life and designed to make them feel a real part of the Mississippi College campus," said Tom Washburn, associate dean of students-men and coordinator of the orientation activities.

"For many this may be their first real venture from home and our goal is to assist them in the best way we know how in adjusting to college life," said the dean.



MC student officers

These students were recently elected to head-up the Student Body Association at Mississippi College for the 1986-87 school year. They were elected during campus-wide balloting. Seated are Angela Smith (center), Hollandale, president; Darrell Whitaker, Tupelo, vice president; and Yvonne Woodard, Terry, secretary. Standing left to right are Jeff Blackwell, Magee, attorney; Janice Gough, Clinton, chief justice; Bae Brock, McComb, women's affairs board chairman; Selwyn Ellis, Terry, men's affairs board chairman; and Alicia Castillo, Senatobia, treasurer.

Fall faculty-staff workshop is planned at Carey

"Leadership for Excellence in Christian Higher Education" is the theme for the fall faculty-staff workshop at William Carey College scheduled for Friday, Aug. 22.

In this workshop the faculty, staff, and administration will determine the leadership requirements for excellence in Christian higher education in general, and William Carey College in particular through a thorough examination of the following three broad areas:

1. Leadership for institutional excellence or administrative leader-

ship: "How to Lead So the Christian College Will Succeed."

2. Leadership for instructional excellence or academic leadership: "How to Lead So the Christian College Student Will Achieve."

3. Leadership as curriculum content or student leadership: "How to Teach So the Christian College Student Will Learn to Lead."

This workshop is directed by Hugh Dickens, vice president for development and will take place in the Kresge Room of the Thomas Business Building.



William Carey College boasts its third consecutive recipient of the Rotary International Fellowship. Gary Roberson, 1986 scholarship recipient, is entitled to one year of study abroad with all tuition, housing, meals and travel expenses paid in full. He chose to study chemical education at the University of York in Yorkshire, England.

Carey confers doctorate

President J. Ralph Noonkester conferred upon Carolyn Weatherford, executive director of the Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, the honorary doctor of humanities degree, during summer commencement at William Carey College.

Weatherford received the honorary doctorate for her unparalleled leadership in mobilizing 1.1 million women for the cause of missions, both home and foreign, and for her exemplary personal commitment to teaching others whatsoever things taught her.

Approximately 50 undergraduates and 31 graduates, representing the Gulfport, Hattiesburg, and New Orleans campuses, received their degrees in the afternoon exercises.



The prayers a man lives on his feet are just as important as those he says on his knees.

The man who really wants to do something worthwhile finds a way; the other kind finds an excuse.

Carey College registration times

New Orleans (School of Nursing) — Monday, Aug. 25 — 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Hattiesburg — Tuesday, Aug. 26 — 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. (any classes)

6 p.m. - 8 p.m. (night classes only)

Gulfport — Thursday, Aug. 28 — 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Students may visit any campus for advisement or counseling prior to registration days.

BSU: student-led, Christ-centered

Baptist Student Union, or simply BSU, is the ministry of the more than 1,900 Mississippi Baptist churches to 27 colleges and universities here in the state. Each year more than 5,000 college students are actively involved in the programs and ministries of BSU.

The guiding principles of BSU for more than 60 years have been: BSU is student led. Each of the 27 local organizations of BSU in Mississippi is led by students committed to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. The development of student leadership is a major role of Baptist Student Union.

BSU is Christ centered. The primary objective of Baptist Student Union is to lead students to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and to help them develop as disciples and churchmen.

BSU is church related. Baptist Student Union is committed to the local church. Through the support of local church, BSU can provide opportunities of witness and ministry to the local church. Through these avenues of ministry and service students grow in their commitment to Christ and learn to become leaders in local congregations both as students and for the future.

BSU offers students nothing but the very best. Through the commitment of the churches of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, Baptist Student Union provides many avenues of personal growth and ministry for students.

The BSU emblem symbolizes the journey of the life of Christ. The symbol is made up of ten arrows: five pointing inward representing the INWARD JOURNEY OF CHRISTIAN GROWTH and five pointing outward representing the OUTWARD JOURNEY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE. "Knowing HIM and Making HIM known" is the goal of Baptist Student Union for every college student.

The channels for the INWARD JOURNEY through BSU are the programs of Bible Study and Discipleship. The commitment of Baptist Student Union to the study of God's word continues to be a hallmark of the program. The opportunities for involvement in Bible study and discipleship will be numerous. Baptist Student Unions on every campus offer varied opportunities for both large group and small group Bible Study.

BSU directors can introduce students to materials to help increase their knowledge of God's word. Local churches in college communities also offer through their Sunday School opportunities for involvement with other college students in studying the Bible.

Discipleship programs in BSU are designed to help students make the Word of God a vital part of daily life. Programs such as Patterns for Discipleship, MasterLife, and others, are designed to help a student apply the teachings of God's word in his or her life. Though the program may vary from campus to campus, local BSU directors are available to help assess needs and provide discipleship materials to deepen the personal relationship to Jesus Christ as Lord of life.



The hallmark of Mississippi Baptist Student Union for more than 60 years has been an emphasis on EVANGELISM and MISSIONS. The emphasis on evangelism is a response to Matthew 28:19-20 in that one must take the message of the Good News to the college campuses. "Making Him Known" is a commitment to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with students and the faculty through the emphasis on personal evangelism. BSU offers opportunities for training in sharing faith through the Share Seminar, Continued Witness Training, and other programs of evangelism training.

Missions opportunities during the days as a college student will broaden a student view of his or her world. Programs of outreach and ministry in the college community give an ongoing touch with people who need the love that students have to share. Missions education programs through BSU will be a journey from the campus to destinations around the world as students see through the eyes of career missionaries the needs of a hurting world.

The student missions program of the Mississippi Baptist Student Union will celebrate its 40th year of providing opportunities of service and ministry to college and university students. BSU student missions makes available short term missions experiences during the summer, fall, and spring semester. A student can be involved in sharing God's love through leading youth and children in Vacation Bible School and Backyard Bible Club, outreach revival teams, music leadership, working in the inner city in Christian social ministry, and many other types of ministries as students work alongside a career Southern Baptist missionary at home or overseas.

During the summer of 1986, BSU student missionaries are serving for 10 week terms in seven foreign countries and 27 states here in the U.S. Through the summer and semester missions programs, Baptist Student Union offers college students the opportunities to MAKE HIM KNOWN to a world in need.

Mississippi Baptist Student Union sponsors three state meetings each

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MBCB celebrates 75 years

Celebrating 75 years of service this year, MBMC salutes its students and former students who have helped the hospital to serve a multitude of patients. Students have been a part of MBMC since its earliest years. Student nurses worked with some of the hospital's first patients in the early 1900's.

Today MBMC is affiliated with four health related schools: Radiography, Medical Technology, Respiratory Therapy, and Practical Nursing. In addition, student nurses from colleges and universities throughout the state do their clinical training at MBMC, and residents from the University School of Medicine rotate through some of the programs.

"The programs we offer our students provide them with valuable, hands-on experience through their clinical work in addition to their contact with fine instructors, leading physicians and expert allied health

clinicians," said Paul Pryor, MBMC executive director. "When our students graduate, they are prepared to find good jobs and are rewarded by the tremendous sense of service that comes from helping others."

"I enjoy helping people and seeing them get better," Steve Compton, Radiography instructor, said. "I was interested in radiology and chose MBMC to go to school. I've always been impressed with how much the people here care about their patients and about each other. After I graduated I stayed here as an employee. Later I had the opportunity to teach. It was a hard decision, but I thought I could help the students have the good, strong learning experience I had. It has been a challenge and a joy to watch the students grow professionally. After they graduate and pass the registry they are radiologic technologists and are qualified to take x-rays that aid

in the diagnosis and treatment of patients."

Applicants to MBMC's School of Radiography must have a strong math background and have scored 15 or above on the ACT. He or she must be at least 18 years old and have a high school education or the equivalent.

Deborah Dorsett, medical technologist who graduated from MBMC's school three years ago, says she is challenged by the problem solving and unusual cases that they work with in the lab. "It's also good to know that I'm working to help people get well," she said.

"MBMC is an excellent school since students work along with medical technologists and get good hands-on experience. The school has the full support of administration. You really know the hospital is behind the students. Through BSU and the

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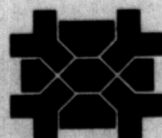
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Contact Kathy Bearden, BSU Director, at 968-5144 for further information.



MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTER

Jackson, Mississippi



Three William Carey College alumni visited the tomb of William Carey in Serampore, India, last semester. Dexter Day (left to right), Milton Wheeler, vice president for student development, and Keith Bounds were among a group on a goodwill tour to India and Nepal. Wheeler reported that the tomb was in better condition than several years ago. In the past, Carey students spurred a fundraising drive which assisted in raising money to care for the tomb.

Carey lays new emphasis on quality student life

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sions emphasis weeks, the chapel program includes three missionary days when missionaries speak to the campus as a whole. Receptions immediately following these chapel programs offer students and faculty the opportunity to interact with missionaries on a more personal level. Thus, the religious activities program seeks to make missions a priority in campus life.

Recognizing the importance of the "total education" of students, William Carey College provides avenues not only for academic and spiritual development, but also for social

enrichment. The student government association leads the 40-plus campus organizations in scheduling activities and events planned for both campus-wide and individual participation.

At the forefront of social development are fraternities for men and social clubs for women. Organized in 1985, these clubs have taken the lead in promoting personal growth, school spirit, and spiritual development. Open for membership from the entire student body, the four groups will begin activities early this fall with Rush and Pledge Weeks, Sept. 2-8, and continue to conduct events in civic, cultural, political, social, educational, and recreational areas.

BSU: student-led and Christ-centered

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school year. Each meeting has a distinct purpose and is designed to strengthen the work of Baptist Student Union on each college and university campus.

The first state meeting will be the State Baptist Student Convention. This meeting is the annual gathering of all 27 BSUs and is packed with opportunities for fellowship, inspiration, and Christian growth. The 1986 convention will be held at the Colonial Heights Baptist Church in Jackson on Sept. 26-28.

Each year Mississippi BSU provides an International Student Conference for the more than 1,500 foreign students who study in Mississippi colleges. This conference extends a hand

of friendship from Mississippi BSU to these students who have left their native lands to study here. This is also an opportunity to share with them the love that Christ has shown in an atmosphere that conveys respect and understanding.

Leadership Training Conference, or simply LTC, is to be held March 27-29, 1987, at our Gulfshore Baptist Assembly in Pass Christian. This program focuses on the orientation and training of newly-elected leadership for the local Baptist Student Unions. One of the highlights each year is the commissioning of student missionaries who are appointed to serve for the summer as Baptist Student Union summer/semester missionaries.

MBMC celebrates 75 years

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fellowship of other workers, you have the opportunity to grow, not just professionally, but spiritually as well."

Applicants to MBMC's School of Medical Technology may already have a baccalaureate degree or may be planning to obtain one as a result of successfully completing the year of clinical education in the hospital. The school maintains affiliations with Mississippi College and Mississippi State University which allows the proper transfer of credits for those who wish to substitute their year in medical technology school for their senior year in college.

After studying pre-law at Northeast Louisiana University in Monroe, Vance Freeman, MBMC assistant director of the Respiratory Care Department, decided he was more interested in respiratory therapy. The director of Respiratory Therapy at St. Francis Hospital in Monroe, who was a graduate of MBMC's School of Respiratory Therapy, suggested that he apply at his alma mater. Freeman did and was accepted.

Upon graduation he worked in his hometown at Forrest General Hospital as a supervisor and, later, at Baton Rouge General. He returned to Jackson where he taught respiratory therapy at Hinds Junior College before attending Georgia State University where he received his bachelor of science degree. Following his graduation from GSU, he returned to MBMC where he is now assistant director of the Respiratory Care Department.

"I enjoy respiratory therapy because it is constantly changing and broadening in its clinical aspect. It always provides a challenge. I thoroughly enjoy working with patients and feel that my current position still allows me to play an important role in that care since I am responsible for the quality of care our respiratory therapists give."

"At all the places I've worked, I've always received compliments about my work. I strongly feel that is attributed to the skills and training I've learned at MBMC. Our students always do well at MBMC and wherever they go."

MBMC is affiliated with Hinds Junior College's respiratory therapy school. Students do their course work at Hinds and their clinical work at the hospital. The program is two years including the summer session.

The practical nursing program is also affiliated with Hinds Junior College, and the students rotate their

clinic work through MBMC. "I had always wanted to be a nurse," said Fran Phillips, LPN, on MBMC's postpartum unit. "I've been working at MBMC for four years, during my schooling and after I graduated, and I just love it. The people are so nice and willing to help. I don't think I could work anywhere else."

The Practical Nursing School is a one-year program for interested people with ages ranging from 19 to 55 with a high school education or the equivalent. To be eligible, one must have acceptable scores on a nursing aptitude test administered by the State Employment Service. Other nursing students seeking a two-year (associate degree) at Hinds Junior College also do part of their clinical training at MBMC.

Since the phasing out of the Gilfoy School of Nursing in 1971, MBMC has offered affiliations to nursing students with several colleges and universities who are seeking to secure their clinical instruction. Students from Mississippi College, along with their clinical instructors, are assigned to MBMC during various rotations throughout the year, as are students from the University Medical Center, Hinds Junior College, and other schools of nursing in the state.

In another ongoing program of long standing, MBMC has the opportunity to participate in medical education through affiliation in specialty areas at the University School of Medicine. MBMC presently has physician residents affiliating in medicine, surgery, and orthopedics.

In addition to the education program and up-to-date clinical experience, MBMC emphasizes spiritual enrichment. An active Baptist Student Union group led by Kathy Bearden, MBMC's director of student activities, offers Christian fellowship, fun, and growth activities for the students.

Compton, who was BSU president when he was a student said, "Being active in BSU helped me to relate to patients better. I think it made me stronger in a spiritual sense, and more responsible."

"BSU played an exciting part in my schooling here," said Miss Dorsett, who served on the BSU Council. "It gave me motivation to do more for the Lord. 'It's good, also, because it brings students close. We got to know other students through BSU activities."

"Strong administrative support, dedicated instructors, excellent

clinical experience and good Christian fellowship combine to build a firm foundation for the students beginning his or her career," said Miss Bearden. "MBMC provides outstanding educational opportunities for those who are interested in the medical field."

"This year we have planned to have a welcome party for all the students, noon day Bible Studies and programs, a workshop on prayer, a singing group, a retreat at Rice Acres, a bike-a-thon to raise money for missions, and Chester Swor to speak during Religious Emphasis Week," said Kathy Bearden. "In addition we will continue our visitation program where students visit with patients. We're very fortunate that our administrative staff supports and encourages these activities."

"We enjoy participating in the students' activities," said Lu Harding, MBMC assistant administrator, "because it gives us a chance to get acquainted with the students. We believe they play a vital role in our hospital."

For more information concerning MBMC's health related schools, interested persons should contact Kathy Bearden at 968-5144, or write her in care of Mississippi Baptist Medical Center, 1225 North State Street, Jackson, Miss. 39202.

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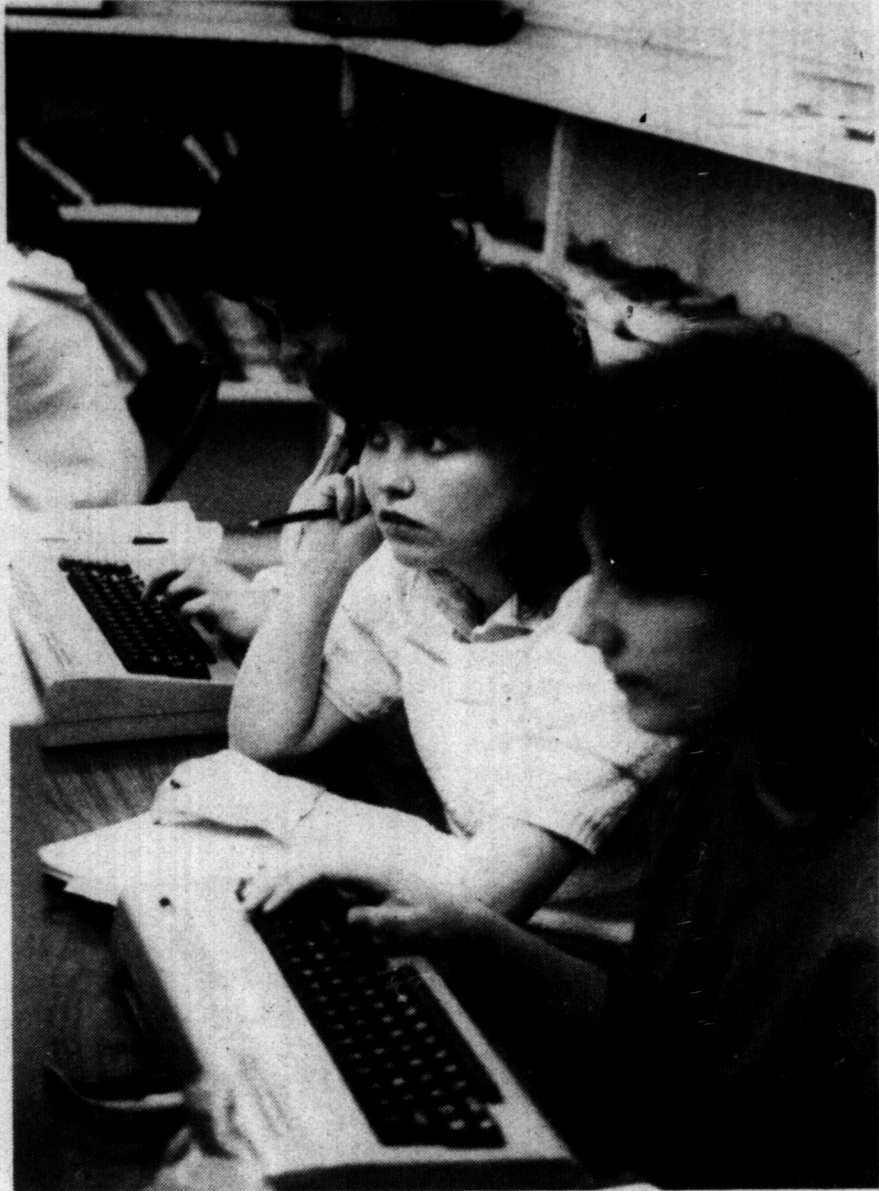
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and the master of science degree from the University of Southern Mississippi. She will teach classes of English and speech and will serve as the resident advisor in the women's dormitory. In addition, Ms. West will serve as the sponsor of the Clarke College Drama Club and will direct the organization in dramatic presentations throughout the year.

Cathy Jacobs will join the Clarke faculty as instructor of physical education and director of activities. Ms. Jacobs recently completed the master of education in physical

education from Delta State University. She will teach classes of physical education, lead in campus activities, direct the intramural and recreational sports program, and coach the women's softball team.

Returning to the Clarke campus after an absence of one year will be Mary Jane Myers as head of the Division of Elementary Education. Myers holds the Ed.D. degree from the University of Southern Mississippi and will teach education classes and direct the elementary education program at the college.



BMC helps prepare young women to pursue careers in medicine, business, commerce, as well as liberal arts and education.

BMC students get ready for fall session



Students move into dorms.



The teacher education program at BMC is an outstanding program with highly qualified faculty. The changing requirements for teacher certification have already been incorporated to insure that students preparing for the field of education are adequately prepared for certification and the classroom.

Students elect Odle, Inmon

Two student leaders were elected to positions of responsibility at Blue Mountain College for the 1986-87 academic session. Gwyn Odle of Corinth will serve as president of the Student Government Association, and Dana Inmon of Pontotoc will serve as President of the Baptist Student Union.

Gwyn, a senior business and physical education major, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Odle.

A senior psychology major, Dana is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norris Inmon.

In 1985 she was a summer missionary to Ohio.

Hearn receives faculty award at Blue Mountain



Betty H. Hearn, head of the Department of English and chairman of the Division of Language and Literature, was named the 1986 Most Outstanding Faculty Member at Blue Mountain College.

In presenting the resolution Harold Fisher, president of the College, read, "Betty H. Hearn has been supportive of the basic principles and policies established by the Board of Trustees. She has inspired others through Christian practices on the campus — in personal living, in honesty and in-

tegrity in the classroom, in friendly and cooperative relationships among faculty members, based on mutual respect, trust and loyalty."

She was instrumental in developing an Honors Program for entering students, and she developed and coordinated symposiums on "The Small Private College" and "The Gifted Learner." She has also at various times served on the Mississippi committee for Humanities, as a member of the Mississippi State Textbook Rating Committee, and as a judge for the Mid-South Spelling Bee.

Before going to Blue Mountain Mrs. Hearn taught English at Potts Camp and South Panola high schools in Mississippi and at Hartsville Junior High School in South Carolina. A graduate of Delta State University, she earned the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees at the University of Mississippi.

She is married to W. Carey Hearn, Chairman of the Division of Social Science at the College, and they are the parents of two children, Philip, a sophomore at Millsaps College, and Elizabeth, a senior at Blue Mountain High School.

Lutherans won't ordain women

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (EP) — Delegates to the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod's annual meeting voted down ordination of women in

less than five minutes. The more than 1,100 delegates, representing the 2.6 million-member denomination, voted down the measure with a show of hands.

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McIntire plans to retire, join MC staff part-time

Russell M. McIntire, pastor of Oak Park Baptist Church in Algiers, La., has announced his plans to retire.



McIntire, who will conclude his duties September 28, went to Oak Park in 1977 after serving as vice president for development at New Orleans Seminary. He will return to Clinton, Miss., to serve as part-time director in the area of deferred giving for Mississippi College. He was pastor of First Church, Clinton from 1952 to 1972.

McIntire has been active in church ministries and preaching for 46 years. He is currently president of the Executive Board, Louisiana Baptist Convention. During his pastorate at Oak Park, he has led his congregation in

a wide range of ministries. The church also raised one million dollars over a three-year period to build a new sanctuary seating 900 people.

Although McIntire said he looks forward to retirement from administrative duties of the pastorate, he adds, "I hope I never, ever retire from preaching."

Russell McIntire was born in Kansas City, Mo., and is a graduate of William Jewell College. He received his bachelor of divinity degree from New Orleans Seminary and a doctorate from Mississippi College. He is married to the former Maellen Neil of Newtonia, Mo. Their son, Russell M. McIntire, Jr., who is chairman of Humanities Department of Lambuth College, Jackson, Tenn., is married and has two children.

The McIntires' new address will be P. O. Box 483, Clinton, Miss. 39056.



Choir "tries" new music minister

The Sanctuary Choir of First, Gulfport, recently welcomed its new minister of music, Zeno Wells, at a costume party in his honor. The theme was "Be A Song" and each choir member and spouse dressed as a song title. The feature for the evening was a play, "The People Vs. Zeno Wells." The defendant, Zeno Wells, was put on trial for defrauding Baptists by impersonating a minister of music. The jury, made up of the Music Search Committee of the church, found him not guilty and rightfully deserving of the position on the church staff.

Pictured (back row) Boyce Holleman, attorney, as Perry Mason; city judge, Richard Smith; city prosecutor, Glenn Cannon. (Front row) J. T. Hannaford, witness, as "Jive Turkey" Hannaford; Harrison County sheriff, Larkin Smith; Clay Miles, witness, as "Elvin Zitterow"; Lorraine Kraker, witness for the Hokey Music patrol; Martha Frances Dugger, play director, James Downey, witness, as Johann Sebastian Von Smurfins-tein; and the defendant, Zeno Wells.

Jackson native will manage Louisiana store

NASHVILLE — Roger Wise, manager of the Columbus, Ohio, Baptist Book Store since 1983, has been named manager of the Alexandria, La., Baptist Book Store, effective Sept. 1.

A native of Jackson, Miss., Wise began his career with the 63-store chain in 1981 as a sales



clerk in the Jackson store. He was a manager trainee, working in the Little Rock, Ark., store from January through May, 1983.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Wise of Clinton, he is a graduate of Hinds Junior College, and earned B.S. and M.B.A. degrees from Mississippi College.

He and his wife, the former Rebecca Holland of Jonesboro, Ark., are the parents of two daughters, Arledge, nine, and Anna, four.

-Just for the Record-



The youth of South 28th Avenue Church, Hattiesburg recently traveled to Georgia. While there, they visited First Church, Atlanta. At Six Flags over Georgia the youth observed others witnessing; Gibbie McMillan, pastor, allowed himself to be witnessed to. The group had Bible study on "The Roman Road to Salvation." One youth made a profession of faith. Out of the trip, the youth started a Bible study every Thursday, called Thursday night together Bible study.

Pictured, kneeling are Trey Eure, Scott Hagan; Rick Hamm, youth director; Jay Slaughter, chaperone. Standing, Dorie Yontz; Crysti Guthrie; Marlene Yontz, chaperone; Karen Johnson; Vicki Robbins, chaperone; Melissa Robbins; Scott Hanberry; Steve McGowan; Benji James; Beth James; McMillan; Ginny Parker; and Linda Guthrie, chaperone.



Ridgecrest Church, Hattiesburg, recently held a recognition service for Acteens, with the theme, "Light of the World." Stephanie Cooley (pictured) was crowned queen with scepter. GAs Amy Cooley and Tabitha Clemts served as candlelighters. Melessia Clemts is director.

McLaurin Heights to sponsor Walk thru the Bible seminar

McLaurin Heights Church, Pearl, is sponsoring a Walk Through The Bible Old Testament Seminar on Sept. 13.

The seminar, which will be led by John Hoover of Atlanta-based Walk Through the Bible Ministries, will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude at 5 that afternoon.

Sponsors say the program is designed to improve Bible knowledge with hand motions, group review, and catchy phrases.

Columbia meeting has been changed

The meeting place for the Aug. 28 associational officers' training conference has been changed to First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg (520 W. Pine St.). The meeting was to have been held at First Baptist Church, Columbia.

The meeting time, 5:45 to 9:15 p.m., remains the same.

Goodrum to hold Bible conference

Goodrum Church, Vicksburg, holds its 5th annual Bible Conference, Aug. 25-27 with some 15 preachers in morning, afternoon, and evening services.

Special guest speakers each evening will be W. D. "Step" Martin of Calvary Church, Shreveport, and LaVerne Butler of Ninth and O Church, Louisville, Ky. Dwight Turner is pastor of Goodrum.

Briarwood, Jackson plans weekend meet

Briarwood Drive Church, Jackson, will hold a weekend worship conference, Aug. 22-24. David Miller, director of missions for Little Red River Association, Heber Springs, Ark., will speak. Conference time is 7 p.m. on Aug. 22 and Aug. 23; and 10:30 a.m. Aug. 24. Russell Loudon is pastor.

Hal and Lou Ann Lee, missionaries to France, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: P. O. Box 302, Long Beach, Miss. 39560). He was born in Ruston, La. The former Lou Ann Green, she was born in Independence, La. Both lived in several Mississippi towns while growing up.

Johnny and Laurie Taylor, missionaries to Brazil, report a change of

Mrs. Alvin R. Smith, mother of Mrs. James Gilbert, missionary to Panama, died June 30 in Mathiston, Miss. Mrs. Gilbert, the former Dorothy Smith, was born in Memphis, Tenn., and lived in several Tennessee and Mississippi towns. Appointed in 1957, the Gilberts are in the States on furlough (address: 919 Reaves St., Jackson, Miss. 39204).

Philip and Laura Dunaway, missionaries to Brazil, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: Pine Trails Apts. M-6, Springridge Rd., Clinton, Miss. 39056). He was born in Jackson and considers Hattiesburg his hometown. She is the former Laura Lindley of Meridian.

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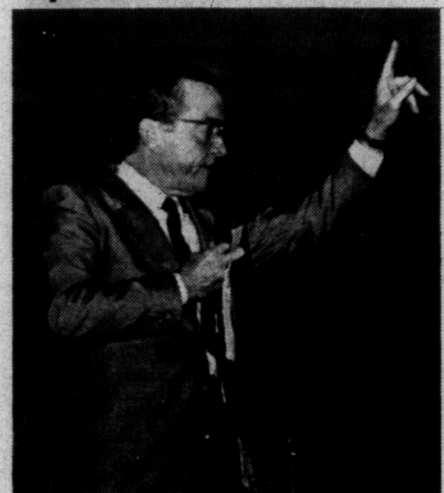
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Union County crusade reports 436 professions of faith

Baptists of Union County spearheaded a recent Freddie Gage-led area-wide that reported 436 professions of faith in Jesus Christ.

Marvin Cox, director of missions for Union County Baptists, tallied the figures from response cards with volunteers. The report also showed 301 rededications, 68 noting that they were seeking God's will for their lives, and another 130 making others responses.



Freddie Gage

The week before the July 27-31 crusade, there was a witness training effort for local teens, which gathered "90-plus professions of faith before the crusade ever started," said Cox.

Cox said that the crusade, held at Kitchens Field in New Albany, has given a lot of work to follow up on. "We're going to make sure the pastors follow up and give every church a chance... if they don't, we're going after them," said Cox, indicating that respondents' preferences will be respected first.

A pastors' luncheon is planned to develop follow up procedures, said Cox. Frank Madden a deacon at Hillcrest Church, New Albany, was crusade chairman.

Cox said that one church reported to him that it had had its best attendance and offering of late just after the crusade and that it had baptized about 10 the Sunday morning after the crusade.

"Great things have happened," said Cox of the crusade, "a lot of people have gotten right with the Lord."

Photo by Betty Jo Stewart courtesy, New Albany Gazette.

Revival Dates

Poplar Flat, Louisville: Aug. 24-29; regular services Sunday; Mon.-Fri. 7:30 p.m.; Caley Ray Nichols, home missionary, Western Montana, evangelist; Betty Crockrell, music; Carol McNeill, pianist; Hixie Clark, organist.

Spring Hill (Marshall): Aug. 24-27; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; preaching, 11; fellowship dinner, 5 p.m.-will take place of church training; preaching, 6 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., nightly 7:30; William Gullick, former pastor, evangelist; Jimmy L. Elmore, music; Billy Mitchell, pastor.

Crestview, Petal: Aug. 17 - Aug. 22; Sunday, 11 a.m., 7 p.m.; Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m., 7:30 p.m.; John Merck, evangelist; Bill Hall, Hattiesburg, music; C. R. Parkin, pastor.

Tallahoma (Jones): 11th anniversary, homecoming, and beginning of revival, Aug. 24; Sunday services, 11 a.m., followed by dinner on the ground and afternoon service, 1:30 p.m.; nightly services, Mon.-Fri., 7 p.m.; Bryant Benton, pastor; Steen, Columbus, visiting speaker; N. R. Thornton, pastor.

Staff Changes

Nelson Crozier is now pastor of First Church of Sharon, Laurel. He previously served as pastor of West End Church, West Point, for 3½ years. He and his wife, Vivian, have two children, Marci and Kevin.



Crozier

Stan Costilow has been called to serve as youth minister for Franklin Church, Flora. He and his wife, Nikki, are students at Mississippi College. They have one daughter, Ashleigh.



Costilow

David Hall has resigned as pastor of First Church, West Point to accept the position as pastor of Eastern Hills Church, Garland, Texas.

Jerry Welch has accepted the call to be pastor of Mt. Vernon Church, Lee County.

Phil Adams, music director at Immanuel Church, Cleveland, has resigned. He, his wife Marsha and two daughters, Laura and Amy, will be moving to Florida, where Phil will continue his music education.

Mississippi Baptist activities

- Aug. 25 Mississippi Baptist Convention Board Meeting; Baptist Building; 2 p.m. Associational Officers Training; FBC, Brandon; 5:45-9:15 p.m. (PD)
- Aug. 26 Associational Officers Training; FBC, Winona; 5:45-9:15 p.m. (PD)
- Aug. 28 Associational Officers Training; FBC, Hattiesburg; 5:45-9:15 p.m. (PD)

Says Elizabeth Lee of Forest:

Grace brings commitment, desire to do good works

RIDGECREST, N.C. — Grace must be accepted as a gift in order to experience it, said Elizabeth Lee, winner of the Mississippi Youth Speakers' Tournament.

Grace is a hard word to understand, Lee said during services at a Church Training Leadership Conference held at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center.

A member of Forest Church, Forest, Miss., Lee said the biblical definition of grace is "God's unqualified acceptance of us."

"The most precious thing to me is the assurance of the grace of God and its availability," she said. "To me, this means God loves me when I least deserve to be loved."

She said grace is not a magical cure, but it "can give us the strength necessary to face problems and handle discouragement."

She said commitment accompanies real saving grace, and a desire to do good work follows.

Jones calls associate DOM

Russell Cottingham has accepted the call to become associate director of missions for the Jones County Association. He is a native of Alabama and began his ministry in Jones County as pastor of the Bethel Church east of Sandersville in 1953.



Altogether he has served five churches in Jones County as pastor: Bethel, Freedom, Tuckers Crossing,

Pecan Grove, and New Hope. Also he served Oakland Grove as interim pastor. Other churches he has served include a church in Norfolk, Va., Highland Church in Crystal Springs, and Edon in Jasper County.

He will be assuming major responsibilities for leading all phases of the Missions Development Program, as well as other related committees and programs.

He began his ministry with the association on Monday, August 11. Maurice Flowers is the Jones director of missions.

Church Training growth rallies are scheduled in six places



Campbell



Lewis

Six sessions — three in the north and three in the south — are set for Mississippi Baptists to learn how to reach people for discipleship training.

The six Church Training Growth Rallies will take place Sept. 22, 23, and 25. On Sept. 22 they will be at North Greenwood Church and at First Church, Moss Point. On Sept. 23 they will be at West Jackson Street Church, Tupelo, and at First Church, Brookhaven. And on Sept. 25 they will

be at First Church, Senatobia, and at First Church, Meridian.

Each session will begin at 7:30 p.m. and conclude at 9.

Leader for the northern sessions, those at Greenwood, Tupelo, and Senatobia, will be Wert Campbell, a growth consultant with the Church Training Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board. And the leader for the southern sessions, those at Moss Point, Brookhaven, and Meridian, will be Ron Lewis, a growth consultant with his own firm in Nashville.

This series is sponsored by the Church Training Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and is designed for pastors, Church Training directors, and all who work in or attend Church Training. Sessions will include a recognition of churches excelling in Church Training work.

Homecomings

Bethel (Copiah): Aug. 24; James Beasley, morning service, speaker; dinner on the ground, hymn sing; Duwayne Tullos, pastor.

Short Creek, Yazoo City: Aug. 24; morning worship, 11; Martin Williams, former pastor, guest speaker; lunch on church grounds; 1:30 p.m., afternoon singing; no night service; R. B. McNeer, pastor.

Star, Star: 80th anniversary, homecoming; Aug. 24; 9:15 a.m., breakfast reception, sponsored by Brotherhood & W.M.U.; 9:45 a.m., high attendance in Sunday School; 10:50 a.m., fellowship/worship; 12:15 p.m., eatin' & vis'tin'; 1:00 p.m., old

fashioned singing; Robert A. Bob Dottle, pastor; John Renfro, minister of music & youth

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Annuitants plan mini-retreat at Garaywa

Mrs. Winston (Winnie) Pearce, author, Bible teacher, clinician, and speaker, will be the devotional leader



and speaker during a mini-retreat for SBC annuitants in Mississippi, Oct. 9-11 at Clinton's Camp Garaywa. Mrs. Pearce has served as Training Union director for the North Carolina

Mrs. Pearce Convention; was state WMU president in Maryland; served on the Executive Committee of California State Convention and Executive Committee of the SBC WMU.

Chester Swor, author and recipient of four honorary doctorates, will bring the messages during the worship hours. Swor is the former dean of men and assistant professor of English at Mississippi College. He is a noted religious lecturer and has done much counseling, primarily with college students.

Barrows' tumor found benign

MINNEAPOLIS, MN — Surgeons at Baptist Medical Center in Oklahoma City have listed Cliff Barrows, 40-year associate of evangelist Billy Graham, in serious but stable condition following a four-hour surgical procedure to remove a tumor attached to the skull behind the right ear.

The one-inch in diameter tumor was determined to be benign following removal from its position around the eighth intracranial nerve and facial nerve. Mr. Barrows has lost the hearing in his right ear, but, doctors believe there will be no permanent paralysis to his face.

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God reminds his people of his promise to restore

By Marjean Patterson
Zechariah 9:1-11:17

The refrain of an old gospel song enthusiastically and positively proclaims "I'm standing on the promises of God." Many who have sung this song must have thought, "What ARE the promises of God?"

In Zechariah 9:1-11:17 we are privileged to learn of some personal promises which the covenant God made with his people.

I. God's promise to provide security for his people (9:1-8)

This section graphically portrays the judgment which would come on Syria, Phoenicia, and the cities of Philistia. An outside force would bring defeat on these enemies of God's people. From the Gentiles, too, there would be a remnant which would be spared. God is then portrayed as a guard who would not allow his people to be run over.

II. The promise of the king of peace to Zion-Jerusalem (9:9-10)

Following the announced overthrow of Gen-

tile nations, there's a scene of joy with the arrival of the King. The reader of Zechariah 9:9-10 immediately calls to mind the New Testament account of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.

The King would come in victory and in peace, riding upon an ass. He would bring peace to Jerusalem because he himself would be its strong defender. Not only to the Jews would come peace, however. He would command peace to all the nations and his rule would be worldwide.

III. The promise to redeem and restore all Israel (9:11-17)

The final victory was promised to God's people because of an ancient covenant which had been presented at Sinai. They would be free, not because of their goodness but because of the grace and mercy of God. Because of God's goodness, his people would become prisoners of hope.

The portrayal of a mighty battle concludes with storm clouds breaking and the sun shining. God's people had been oppressed, yet he promised to redeem them and restore them. Zechariah wrote of a quiet, beautiful scene

where a shepherd was tending his flock. The shepherd is the Lord and the sheep his people. They shine on his land like jewels on a crown. The messianic age was described as a time of prosperity, with the land yielding an abundance of grain and wine.

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IV. Unclaimed promises and false shepherds (10:1-5)

There followed a statement which reminded the people that the rain came from the Lord and not from their superstitious use of man-made figurines called teraphim. Instead of praying to God, the people had prayed to worthless idols and incurred God's wrath.

Zechariah used the well-known figure of the people being as sheep without a shepherd. As bad as that was, it was worse to have shepherds who really didn't care for their flocks or foreign rulers who were oppressing God's people.

God's people needed to claim his promises that he would turn the tables on the cruel shepherds and their leaders would have to answer to God for their destructive actions.

V. God's determination to keep his promise

to Israel (10:6-11:3)

The promise of God is to reunite the house of Judah (the southern kingdom) and the house of Joseph (the northern kingdom). God would bless them and treat them as though they had never been unfaithful. They would multiply and fill up the land and would become a strong and happy leader among the nations.

At the same time, the former enemies of God's people would not fare so well. They would be destroyed.

VI. God's promise concerning faithless shepherds (11:4-17)

God grew tired of dealing with faithless leaders of his people. He commanded the prophet to assume the leader's responsibilities. Those who would not follow God's plan would be turned over to a false shepherd who would destroy them.

Zechariah provided a strong reminder that though God had disciplined his people, he would restore them. For us, this passage is a lesson in the assurance of the long-suffering love and mercy of God for each of us.

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When marriage ends in divorce: Short of ideal

By James W. Street
Matthew 5:31-32, 19:3

I have no doubt that the Scripture speaks to every condition common to us humans. Further, directive words of holy origin do not spring up out of nothingness. So, when we read these words of Jesus concerning marriage and divorce, we must remember that he spoke against a very definite situation. This is not the pronouncement of an ivory-towered theologian, but rather is an utterance of concern that had many antecedents.



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The relationship of marriage had come upon difficult times. From its lofty place in early Jewish life when marriage was a sacred duty of every man came the early notion of God's abhorrence of divorce. The Jewish nation had heard the voice of God speaking through his prophet Malachi saying: "I hate divorce." Their

problem was identical to our problem: practicing what we preach. The practice of the day fell far short of the spoken ideal.

They even made a theological dispute out of the matter of divorce. Apparently, the conflicting two schools of thought sought to entrap Jesus in one of their extreme positions; one, very permissive, and, the other very restrictive. In elegant simplicity Jesus fended their query with a reaffirmation of God's ideal for marriage.

By the time he spoke those words, divorce had become so common that Jewish girls were afraid to marry because of the intrinsic insecurity. In issuing this edict Jesus spoke not as an idealist, but as a reformer. He was dealing with a fluid situation in which marriage relationships, the home, and the nation were collapsing.

And so, with great courage Christ attacks the problem and in his solution he emerges as the deliverer of men, women, children, and our homes. He reaffirms the original intentionality of marriage, for example, a lifelong mutual

entrusting of a man and a woman to each other in the blessed state of marriage. That is the ideal; anything less than that falls into the category of sinful behavior.

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Yet, today we read that the divorce rate is roughly fifty percent and that nine out of ten divorced persons remarry. Surely in God's grace there is provision for folk who fall into that sinful state just as there is grace available for those of us whose sinfulness falls into other types of sin. There can be no doubt that divorce is falling short of God's great dream for marriage, and that makes it sin. Now, does God hate the sin? Yes! Does God hate the sinner (divorced type)? No!

As I understand it, all sin, except the sin of blasphemy or disbelief, can be forgiven. Forgiveness, as I understand it, is equated with God's wiping the slate clean. The sin involved is obliterated in the mind and heart of the heavenly Father. If that is true for God, then

it appears to me it is also true for God's children. A contrite, forgiven sinner is then free to marry again if he/she feels God is in the proposed new relationship.

All of that brings us to the point of consideration of the relationship for the individual Christian and the corporate life of the church toward the divorced person. Paul speaks rather directly to the church in Ephesians 5:32: "kind," "tender-hearted," "forgiving as God has forgiven you." Maybe he was not addressing divorce directly here, but Paul is surely detailing how one Christian relates to another Christian.

The unvarnished truth is that many of us who have not faced the pain of divorce personally tend to draw our robes of self-righteousness about us and pretend that since that sin is not present that we are sinless and perfect example of the Christian life. How far that attitude is from being kind, tender-hearted, and forgiving. Judgement is reserved for God.

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'We'll not fail. God is with us. We will be faithful.'

By Robert E. Self
Daniel 3:14-18, 23-26

Some time ago I went with a Baptist layman to call on the mayor of his city in South America. He related that he wanted



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the officials to meet with me because they were opposed to the activities of his little church. He shared his hope that the leaders of the city would understand that we meant them no harm. When I asked about his vision for the future, he responded, "We will not fail. God is with us. We will be faithful."

Few stories out of the Bible verify that truth any better than the story before us today. It is the story of Daniel and the three Hebrews.

I. Defiance
Daniel and the three Hebrews were set up for a faith test when the king erected a huge image of gold and decreed that everyone in the kingdom must bow down and worship the image. Word was out that those three were committed to Jehovah. Shadrach, Meshach and

Abednego were confronted by the king. They were commanded to fall down and worship the image. To defy the command would bring death. Their faith, however, would not let them obey the king.

II. Deduction

One of the high water marks of Old Testament faith is reached in verses 17-18. The three Hebrews had such commitment that they made certain conclusions. They believed that God could and would deliver them out of the fiery furnace, heated specially hot for them. That being the case, they would not worship the image.

Their second conclusion is an even bolder one. They held that even if God were to choose not to deliver them, they would not worship the image. They refused to make the question of delivery the format for faithfulness.

So much of faith for today seems to be predicated upon what the believer can get in return. We are told on every hand that certain blessings, almost always physical or material, will come to us if we have faith to believe. For the three Hebrew children, their faith in God was based upon the rightness of a commitment to God and not on their delivery.

A dear friend lay dying at far too early an

age. Cancer had spread throughout her body when it was discovered. The doctors offered little hope. We prayed diligently for her recovery. She had just recently married and was expecting her first child in six months. As I stood by her bed and prayed for her life, she spoke these words, "God doesn't have to heal me for me to love him and still believe in him."

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III. Delivery

Nebuchadnezzar had the three men tied and thrown into the hot furnace. It was not possible for a man to live more than a few seconds. The king was certain that these three would soon be dead and that their death would serve as a warning to others to obey the king.

The men who threw the three Hebrews into the furnace were themselves burned to death. When the furnace was opened to check on the three inside, the king was astounded that not only were the three alive but there was a fourth person present in the furnace with them.

The identity of the fourth person has been debated for years. Many answers have been proposed including those of an angel, Jesus, the embodied Holy Spirit and others. The text is not

emphatic. It seems certain that this fourth person was a personal manifestation of God with his people. The identity of the person is not as important as the message. Everyone, including the king, would know that the God of the Hebrews is with his faithful people in their trouble. And, the king knew that. Verses 26 and 28 tell us that the king declared that no man would offend the God of the Hebrews.

God's presence with us can help us to develop a value system that places priority on him. We do not serve him for what we can get but because of who he is! A daughter sent her father a card that read, "I love you for all that you do for me, but I would love you even if you didn't do it."

God's presence can help us to know that we do have a source of strength and blessings outside our own abilities. There is power in prayer and blessings in fellowship. Martin Luther was right when he wrote "Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing."

Our priority for living must be a total trust that God loves us and that he means to bless us. We can overcome by our faith in him, whatever the obstacle!

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Faces And Places

by anne washburn mcwilliams

Lucille recalls orphanage days

When Lucille was born into the Whatley family at Harrisville on November 3, 1906, it was a happy family. Then typhoid fever crossed the threshold and turned over a whole tumblerful of tragedies. It killed seven of the ten children. It drove the father to a nervous breakdown which caused his death. It left the mother emotionally unable to cope with any more problems at the moment, so the children were left with an aunt who had twin babies of her own.

The aunt's daughter, Martha, was given many of the child care responsibilities. Since she was busy courting Eugene Allison at the time, she wasn't too happy about the added work. Eugene's cousin, Wayne Allison, made a suggestion: "Carry those children to the Baptist Orphanage." That's what Martha did.

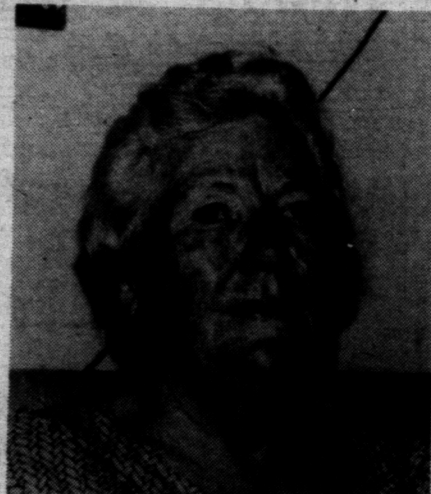
Lucille will be 80 this November. Thanks to a letter from Syble Brasher, I met her at her house in Bruce a couple of weeks ago. She cooked lunch for W. D. and me — fresh vegetables, ham and eggs with dumplings, fried peach pies. . . . Ummmm.

It seems to me she has lived a life full enough to make up for those seven who died. Unselfishness shines like a silver thread through the story of her life. I can tell that she puts God's wishes before Lucille's.

Back in 1908, Martha took the Whatley babies to the orphanage in Jackson, when Lucille was two, a golden-haired blonde with blue eyes. Along with 400 or 500 other children in the brick buildings at Bailey and Woodrow Wilson, (where the Jackson Mall is now) she slept three to the bed on white iron bedsteads. When she was allowed to walk to a park to play, she would pass rows of wooden houses. Louise they called her, for they said there were too many Lucilles at the orphanage already. Her dream blossomed: One day she would live in a wooden house and sleep in a wooden bed.

Joe R. Carter was superintendent of the children's home. "We called his wife Miss Ida. She was my ideal," remembers Lucille. "She would heat water in a big boiler and bathe the children. Many times Miss Ida would come into the dorm in the middle of cold nights and place warm cloths to our feet."

Their steady diet of molasses and cornbread led to an outbreak of pellagra. Lucille was there in 1913 when Dr. Goldberger of the U.S. Public Health Service conducted some studies at the orphanage to find the cause and cure of pellagra. In the summer of 1914, one hundred and thirty children were found to have pellagra. Their diet was improved, and later tests showed them free of the disease, except for one.



Lucille Cannon

"Thelma Page died," Lucille told me. "She was the first corpse I ever saw." A mischievous girl gave Lucille a push and she fell over on top of the dead girl. "That nearly scared me to death." When one of the orphanage doctors, Dr. Cox, a woman, died of gallstones, a hearse drove up pulled by beautiful white horses.

Sunday School was held on campus and preaching on Sunday nights in the chapel. Older children would walk to First Baptist Church or Second Baptist Church (now Calvary) during revival meetings and on special occasions.

Until she was 10 she had never been to church off the campus. That year, Christmas, 1916, she got to go to First Baptist Church, where she saw her first Christmas tree. She only got to go then because she took someone's place who was being punished.

As they walked past the graveyard on Northwest Street, some of the younger ones got scared. Others began crying; their too small shoes were hurting their feet. "Women came out of beautiful big houses along the way and gave some of the children new shoes."

That day they rode the streetcar back — and caught the gripe. "It was like the flu," Lucille said, "that killed so many in 1918."

One day in 1917 somebody called her and said, "Miss Effie wants to see you. You are going to a new home." Lucille thought she must have left some trash on the floor by her bed and was going to get whipped. Miss Effie would hit hands with rulers; on cold mornings that really stung.

But it was true. She was going away. First she had to be de-loused. Miss Mary Rogers, social worker, was going to place her and eleven others in homes. She took them to the Mississippi Children's Society building on North State Street, on the streetcar. At that place Lucille saw her first turkey, being fattened for Christmas, and she ate the first piece of chocolate pie she had ever had in her life. They took her shopping and

bought her a new black tam, a new black coat, and new high-topped button shoes.

The group went by train to Pontotoc, where they spent the night in a hotel. Then over muddy roads in a Model-T, Miss Rogers delivered Lucille to the home of the couple who would become her Mama Jo and Papa Jeff Westmoreland, a mile and a half from Randolph. Papa Jeff was a blacksmith and a farmer and Mama Joe was the daughter of a Baptist preacher, E. Foshee.

"They were good to me," she remembers. "They were rich not in money but in character. They were wealthy in love and willing to share with me."

She went to school at Bowles Springs and Randolph, and to church at Piney Grove. When she made a profession of faith at age 12, it was real to her, a day she will never forget. Papa Jeff thought she was too young, though, and she waited two years before she was baptized by E. M. Day in a box, set into the ground below a fresh water spring. (Piney Grove, she said, is the church where my former pastor, Kermit McGregor, made a profession of faith as a boy. McGregor's great-grandfather and Papa Jeff were cousins.)

The orphanage had told the Westmorelands to be strict with Lucille, and they were. When she met Drew Cannon, she could only date him every other Sunday night, with a chaperone present.

Papa Jeff didn't think anybody was good enough for his little girl, but — at age 26 — Lucille told Drew she would marry him Feb. 22, 1933. They would slip off and get married, with Mama Jo's cooperation, while Papa Jeff was gone to get a load of stovewood.

Because Yockany and Guin's creek were flooded, Drew could not get his Ford Roadster across them, and had to walk in. A neighbor who saw him coming said to Papa Jeff, "Yonder comes Drew. What's he doing over here this time of the week?"

(Continued next week)



Either 88 isn't old, or old age need not stop a body from fishing! Mrs. Luther (Winnie) Hill, 88, recently caught an eight-lb. bass in a pond by her house near Louisville. She's a member of Murphy Creek Baptist Church, and her daughter, Louise Hill Miller, is a former employee of the state Church Training department.

Devotional Source of strength

By Alvin C. Doyle

The apostle Paul, in writing to the Philippians at Philippi, shares with his readers the magnificence of God's provisions for his children. In Philippians 4:13 Paul says, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."



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I ask, where does your strength come from? Some of us might gain our strength from:

- I. Human Achievement
- II. Being Self-Sufficient
- III. Independence

I. As we watch an athlete prepare for an athletic event, he works, exercises, prepares, and strengthens his muscles for the competition ahead. His strength is based upon the output of effort he places on his muscles for the event. If he doesn't prepare and condition his muscles, they will not have the adequate strength necessary for the competitive event. During the course of the athletic contest the athlete may pull a muscle, thus stretching and losing the adequate strength necessary for participation.

II. As we observe those preparing for a scholastic or educational fete, they read, study, and listen, thus, strengthening all of their mental faculties to be in top form for the task at hand. Many times, as a result of stress, strain, or pressure, an individual is zapped on his resources and not able to perform at his optimum level.

III. Then there are those who study and prepare to lead their congregations in the experience of worship. There may be some of us just as the athlete, relying on his own strength, or the scholar, relying on his intellectual abilities to lead our congregations in worship. Then there may be those of the congregation relying on the preacher to provide for them all the strength and insight to be gleaned from God's word.

Let me share with you that God's word says all things and I believe that all things in verse 13 is to be related to the foregoing verses 11 and 12. "Not that I speak in respect of want; for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound; everywhere and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need." Paul is insisting that in every conceivable circumstance, in everything and in all things, he finds the strength only through the power of Jesus Christ. He was instructing us that in every situation Christ's power was made perfect in his weakness. And this means that the triumphant assertion "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" can be true for each of us, even those who falter or stumble.

Helen Steiner Rice wrote . . .

O Lord, don't let me falter,
don't let me lose my way,
Don't let me cease to carry
my burden day by day . . .
O Lord, don't let me stumble,
don't let me fall and quit,
O Lord, please help me find my "job"
and help me shoulder it.

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Baptist participation high in Amsterdam 86

AMSTERDAM — Baptist evangelists constituted the largest single denominational group among the 8,194 participants in the second International Convention for Itinerant Evangelists, held here from July 12-21.

An official survey of 7,604 participants revealed their denominational preference, and 1,161 identified themselves as Baptists. This was nearly twice the number of the next largest denominational group, the Assemblies of God (644). However, the interest of all participants during the nine-day conference was anything but denominational. It was evangelism, a concern which united the evangelists who came from 173 countries.

While the United States sent the largest number of any single country (1,288), three-fourths of the participants came from so-called "Third World" countries. The continent-by-continent breakdown shows the largest number of participants came from Africa (2,337). Latin America (1,720) and Asia (1,501) ranked second and third place in attendance. European participants numbered

1,009 from 37 countries, including a total of 144 persons from eight socialist nations.

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